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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 26, line 22, please change "P" to -- O --.

In the Claims:

Please delete claim 12 and add new claims 25-28 as follows:

--25. The method according to claim 5, wherein the step of rendering base pairing ready in steps iii) and iv) is conducted by the strand displacement synthesis of complementary chain by a polymerase catalyzing the strand displacement reaction of synthesizing complementary chain wherein an outer primer annealing to the 3'-side of F2c in the template and an outer primer annealing to the 3'-side of the region used as the origin of synthesis in step iv) for the first nucleic acid serve as the origin of synthesis.--